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Nominate Your Best This Year

It is that time of year again... time to nominate your best folks for the annual awards. Not just the local squadron or Medical Group level awards...but the annual Public Health awards. We still have the standard categories as last year. I was unable to get the changes through the system in time to update the AFI (adding a SNCO category and having the Col Parker Award as a Airmen, NCO and SNCO categories as well as a Field Grade Officer category). So we will keep the same categories as last year. These include: PH Airman of the Year; Colonel Cleveland L. Parker Award (SSgt-SMSgt); Staff PH NCO of the Year; PH Officer of the Year; and Staff PH Officer of the Year.

The Team Aerospace Operational Solutions (TAOS) course is coming up...18-22

March 2002 at Brooks AFB.

Due to the world situation and the number of taskings our folks are dealing with, we felt it was best to bring it back on to the base and to lower the number of attendees (since many folks would not be available for this course anyway). However, we are still going to recognize our best people at an awards dinner during the week. Therefore, it is extremely important that you get your nominations turned in through your normal channels and get them up to the MAJCOM before the deadlines. The deadlines for MAJCOMS to turn them in to the Air Staff is the end of Jan 02.

If you are nominating one of our great family PH members, please ensure the package shows major impact the person had on the unit, installation, and community. It is good to show that they did a great job...but it is very important to show what the impact was to the others

affected by their great work! This impact goes a long way in identifying who the best really are from among the nomination packages. The board usually looks for a well rounded person...and not necessarily a person who had impact only in one area such as medical readiness. Having tremendous impact in several different areas will most likely lead to a stronger package thus, most likely resulting in a winning package. I know we have some very industrious workers and some folks who make a dramatic impact on a wide variety of folks out there... supervisors should ensure they get recognized accordingly. Supervisors should not use the old excuse that they don't have time to submit a package... **TAKE THE TIME...**it's an investment in the future of our family. We have great people... doing great things...who deserve great rewards...help me to ensure those deserving the rewards get them!

Skunk Works...We have Great People Doing Great Things!

DATELINE Aviano AB Italy: SSgt Jeffrey Green is the NCOIC of Occupational Health and is the Team Chief for the In-Place Patient Decontamination Team. His team leadership brought the Occupational Health Examination compliance rate from 59% to over 92 % in October 01. Jeff has always had a positive attitude and does not mind putting in long hard hours as the mission dictates. He exemplifies pride and pro-

fessionalism every day! He is closing in on his bachelor's degree and is currently taking classes in military history. He is married to Marsha and they have a beautiful daughter named Amanda. Jeff enjoys traveling and anything to do with fitness. This 27 year old has been with us for 9 years. Way to go! We are proud of your efforts



and have enjoyed meeting you! Keep up the great work!

DATELINE Spangdahlem GE: Welcomed Maj David Duque from Lackland; Capt John Hatfield from Robbins AFB; and TSgt Dennis Bryant from Ramstein AB. Will say goodbye to TSgt Reed (to Lackland) and A1C Prince to Florida. SSgt Yancey_Gardner graduated ALS. Great job everyone!

Base Focus: Assignment Mountain Home

Mountain Home AFB is a very dynamic base. It's located in Southwestern Idaho where there's fish to catch, elk to hunt, mountains to ski, and whitewater to raft. Mountain Home is considered the Air Force's premier "almost remote" location. The 366 Air Expeditionary Wing is very diverse. It has many different types of aircraft, to include B-1Bs, F-15C/Ds, F-16s, and KC-135s. The base population is approximately 4100 active duty members and 18,000 additional beneficiaries which leaves the Public Health Flight with plenty to do.

The fearless leader of this smokin' hot bunch is **Capt Kirk Winger** from Victor, Idaho. He has been at Mountain Home since Aug 99. Capt Winger is as strong as a grizzly bear and you'll always find him at the front of the line going toe to toe with anyone. He enjoys hunting, fly-fishing, bull riding, water-skiing, SCUBA diving, watching NASCAR racing. At the county fair rodeo, Capt Winger put forth a great effort to ride the biggest and meanest bull ever seen in these parts. While it was a good ride, someone else got the buckle. He was selected as the MDG CGO of the quarter twice while he's been here and recently was accepted for an AFIT assignment to earn a Masters in Public Health.

The NCOIC is **MSgt Scott Grodi** from Toledo, OH. He's been on base since Jul 98 and enjoys spending time with his family, bowling (206 Ave), and adventuring out into the desert. This past summer he coached the 13 year old youth baseball team from Mountain Home, they came in 2nd place in the state of Idaho. MSgt Grodi has won SNCO of the quarter since he has been stationed at MHAFB.

Next is **TSgt Brandon Madison** from New Orleans, LA, he joined the crew in Jul 01. When TSgt Madison arrived, he was a very welcomed addition. He has a lot of knowledge to share. He spends his time playing basketball, working out, watching Professional Football (Go Saints).

SSgt Nikole Sakata rounds out the NCO tier in the office. She is originally from Coos Bay, OR and has been on station since Jul 98. SSgt Sakata and her husband are expecting their first child in Jan 02. She enjoys snowboarding, school, playing with her two Greyhounds, and going to the gym. She has won Airman of the quarter for the MDG and for the WG, and Airman of the year for the MDG. SSgt Sakata will soon be temporarily leaving the Public Health arena to take part in the Bootstrap program to get her Bachelor's degree in

Anthropology.

Following SSgt Sakata is **SrA Cecelia Pritchard** from Burlington Flats, NY. She has been at Mountain Home since Dec 98. She spends her time playing with her dog, bowling, singing karaoke, and watching sports. While at Mountain Home AFB, she won the "Amateur Bull Riding event" at the base rodeo event, Capt Winger decided to sit this event out and for good reason.

Rounding out the line up is **A1C Laurie Kidwell** from Lindonville, NY, she arrived here in Aug 01. A1C Kidwell and her husband (Dave) are expecting their first child in Mar 02. She enjoys painting, spending time with her husband and new puppy, going to the theater and art museums, and watching movies. While A1C Kidwell is new to the career field, she is very talented and is a great asset to our team.

As a group, this office has overcome many challenges and has had numerous experiences. The Public Health office has been in the spotlight many times and like true Public Health professionals, always conquers the monster. When the going gets tough, call Public Health and we'll get the job done.



SrA Cecelia Pritchard winning the amateur bull riding event.



Airman First Class Cecelia Pritchard, 366th Medical Group, rides a young bull as part of the Gunfighter amateur bull-riding at the chute-out rodeo Sunday. Pritchard won the event.



A day at the office for folks at Mountain Home!

Base Focus: Assignment Aviano

Submitted by SMSgt Scott James.

Aviano Air Base, Italy is a NATO installation shared by the USA, Italy, Canada, Spain and Turkey. We support operations south of the Alps. Oh its rough duty, but someone has to do it! Our Public Health Flight thrives on the high operations tempo, running deployment lines and often conducting site surveys in the far reaches of the world. Our recent November 2001 HSI/JCAHO validated our high rate of successful program management. Our Flight Family include:

Major Dennis Fay -- Public Health Flight Commander; AKA "The Mayor" shakes hands, kisses babies and all-around great guy

Capt Nisara Suthun -- OIC, Public Health; AKA "Mini-Me", future full bird colonel

SMSgt Scott James -- AMDS Superintendent; just happy to be here "La Vita Dolce"

MSgt Jeffery Maberry -- NCOIC, Public Health;

motto: Don't mess with Texas!

TSgt Roy Martinez -- NCOIC, Operational Medicine; AKA "The legend", tells great stories, but are they true?

SSgt Jeffery Green -- NCOIC, Communicable Disease; Survivor Fanatic -- don't call on Friday at 8!

SSgt Jeriann Allen -- NCOIC, Occupational Health; She is always right, (so she says)

SSgt Sara Weinrich -- NCOIC, Immunizations Element; The fastest shot in the southern Alps

SSgt Jason Clark -- Immunizations Technician; Baltimore Football Fan and social butterfly

SrA Jessie Hassenpflug -- Public Health Journeyman; Dreams of being an Air Marshal

SrA Elisia Baker -- Public Health Journeyman; Program savvy and loves her dog

Thanks for sharing a bit of Aviano with us...thanks for all you do over there!





MORE SKUNKWORKS: Our Great People Doing Great Things!



DATELINE Lakenheath: A1C Andrea Dufresne was selected as 48 AMDS Airman of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter - Jul-Sep 01. A1C Dufresne is an outstanding Liberty Medic. She was assigned to the Epidemiology Element during the awards period.

DATELINE Nellis: Capt Lynn M. Shinabery, Nellis AFB, NV was selected the 99 AMDS/MDG/ and Wing, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for the 2nd Qtr, April-June 2001. She is our Preventive Medicine Element Chief, currently deployed to a classified location, and working her behind off battling the SVS/CC on the importance of food coming from approved sources.

DATELINE Andrews:

Major Greg Bobel currently stationed at

Sheppard AFB, Texas provided a critical TDY manning assistance to the ANG Headquarters at Andrews in between the transition time from Lt Col Paul Rehme (who is now the PACAF PHO at Hickam AFB) and the newly arrived Lt Col Cindy Cogburn (new HQ ANG PHO). Major Bobel provided some very needed help on some very highly visible issues (mainly homeland defense issues post September 11th dealing with the Public Health within ANG response to our Nation's needs). He performed superbly and his expertise and dedication are very much appreciated! Thanks a million Major Bobel!

DATELINE Bolling: Colonel Larry Barrett, IMA to AFMOA (Col Van Hook) has been the instrumental driving force behind the Air Force Food Security guide which has been adapted by the FDA (giving USAF full credit) and been distributed throughout the food industries within

the U.S. and throughout the world. He applied the Operational Risk Management Model to the need for security of our food supply (from the farm to the fork philosophy). His guide will help base personnel evaluate and mitigate our food supply security risks. He was awarded the FDA Director's Award...the first time given to a military member! This is a monumental effort and achievement! Way to go Col Barrett!



Final Thoughts...Another Year Behind Us... A Great Year Ahead!

As 2001 comes to a close we can hopefully spend a little time reflecting on what we accomplished last year. We can review things that happened, look at how we responded, and focus on the lessons we learned. We should fondly remember those who touched our lives and those who are no longer with us. Many things have happened to us and we have accomplished a great number of tasks. Our achievements are monumental and numerous. Let's face it...we have some of the best people in our Public Health family who have done some very extraordinary things. These reflections should be used as a method to determine where we are going in the future. We need to know where we have been in the past so that we

don't repeat the mistakes we made yesterday. We should look at where we are today and then cast our vision into the future. We must ensure we have our headlights on out in front of us...so we can see where we are going (to prevent major collisions). The Public Health Corporate Board will soon be involved with some strategic planning (the casting of our vision out into the future). I am sure your MAJCOM, Wing, and Squadron have done some planning as well. This is a good time of year to ensure your local Public Health office has done some planning also. We have a full year coming up. We have major realignment of skill sets being transferred to our community (from the 4F community) and some new tasks and processes to build (PIMR etc). The world situation has

added complications to our processes. The stress levels have changed and things around us are different than they were a year ago. These are challenging times...but if I know the Public Health people...you will once again rise to the challenge with zest and vigor. You will tackle any obstacles thrown in your path and adapt to the new missions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for Public Health and your country. Your great work has NOT gone un-noticed. I thank you for it! I stand with you to meet the challenges of the coming year. I wish you all a joyous holiday season and a very prosperous new year!

-Chief Strout -